

REMARKS

Claim 1 has been amended to add the terminology "water absorbent" in order to correct an error of omission and to provide that the claim reads consistently with claim 28.

Claim 6 has been amended by substituting the word "a" for "at" in order to correct a typographical error.

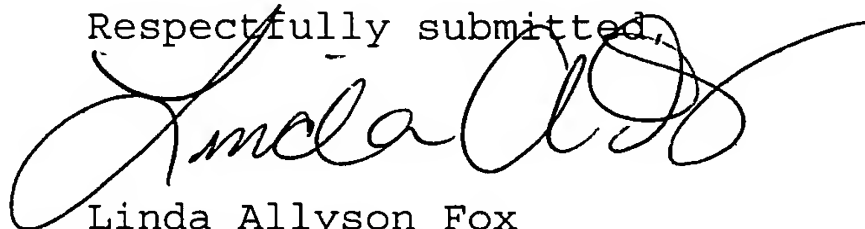
Claim 24 has been amended by deleting the term "upper layer" and substituting therefor "biaxial geogrid material" in order to correct an error therein and to provide that the claim reads consistently with claim 1.

Claim 28 has been amended to add the term "resist" in order to correct an error of omission and to provide that the claim reads accurately.

Claims 1 and 28 have both been amended to substitute "a substantially unvegetated sloped surface" in place of "said sloped surface" to provide that the claims read more accurately and consistently.

Since no further search or review is necessary, applicant respectfully requests that the AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 312 be entered.

Respectfully submitted,



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